GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON PRASAR BHARATI
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Committee set up by the Government to review the working of Prasar Bharati had submitted its report to the Government in the month of May, 2000;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by the expert Committee;

(c) whether the Government have examined the recommendations made by the expert Committee; and

(d) if so, the time by which the final decision to implement them is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Committee has submitted its report on 20th May, 2000.

(b) & (c): The recommendations/suggestions of the Committee, amongst others, relate to mission and objective for Prasar Bharati, accountability and structures of Prasar Bharati, financing and funding mechanism, channel positioning, programming content and production, restructuring of transmission and engineering services, improvement in marketing, human resource development and exploitation of new technologies. The recommendations also include certain amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990. A copy of the report is available at Ministry`s website i.e. mib.nic.in. View on some of the recommendations of the Committee is to be taken by Prasar Bharati, whereas in respect of some others, Government has to take a view. The Government is in the process of consulting the Members of the Prasar Bharati Board, representatives of staff and employees unions before taking a final view. The report has also been circulated among the Members of the Consultative Committee to seek their views.

(d): No time frame has been fixed in this regard.